
VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2019

PRESENT:

Johnnie Warren-Council President
Elaine Gaither – Council-at-Large
Chris Callender – Ward 1
Eloise Hardin – Ward 2
Anthony Akins – Ward 3
Patricia Rogers – Ward 4
Candace Williams – Ward 5

Gary Gottschalk-Mayor
James Climer-Law Dept.
Brian Thompson-Finance
Dan Marinucci-CBO
Tom Haba – Service Director
James Schade-Fire Chief
Mark Garratt-Police Chief

ABSENT:

Ed Hren – Engineer
Carlean Perez – Recreation Director

Warren opened the meeting at 7:00p
Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll call was taken.

No correspondence.

Motion to approve minutes of December 18, 2018 Council meeting made by Williams seconded by Gaither
7 YES-Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Akins, Rogers, Williams

Motion to approve minutes of January 8, 2019 Council meeting made by Hardin seconded by Gaither
7 YES-Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Rogers, Williams Abstain: Callender, Akins

Departmental Reports

Law-Climer: We are deep in an application to expand the Community Reinvestment Area. If all are in agreement with the legislation and it passed, we will package that up and send it to the state in a week to 10 days. There are publication requirements. I should have the credit card ordinance for the next meeting. The variable message sign ordinance is being worked on before the Planning Commission along with a few other things.

Finance-Thompson: No report

Service-Haba: We had the first snow of the year. Side roads didn't get salted until the event was over. We paid \$31/ton for salt this year. We used a lot of salt on the main roads. **Warren** asked if we have some left. **Haba:** Yes, but we still have to buy 90% of what we ordered. We may want a small salt bin to store the extra for next year.

Fire-Schade: I previously submitted my report.

Building-Marinucci thanked Council for funding the Heritage Program. A letter will go out to homeowners which may qualify to apply; we have 500+ eligible homes. On the demolition program, the powers that be have been notified. We have three residential homes and possibly the gas station at Macedonia/Broadway to be taken down. New people have taken over the program. **Warren** asked how much money we have left. **Marinucci:** There was \$179,000. We got in Phase I. Phase 9 is being completed by February 28th. Phase 10 will start in March. We are putting in the necessary paperwork prematurely so when Phase 10 opens, we will be in. We were told we won't lose that initial funding. **Warren:** I had a problem with that. They are the ones doing the demo. **Marinucci:** That is the problem. This could have been done earlier but I wasn't aware of it. We did our due process and put it in the newspaper, sent the registration letters and prerequisites.

They didn't do their part in the program. **Hardin:** You said letters are going out, what letters? **Marinucci:** The Heritage Program will send out a generic letter through the Mayor's office issued to all the homeowners who can apply for the low interest loans for interior projects for houses 50 years or older. **Hardin** asked when that will start. **Mayor:** Between 30-45 days. **Hardin** asked if there is a cap. **Marinucci:** I don't believe there is. They have their own appraisers. **Hardin:** You won't be involved with that? **Marinucci:** Not to my knowledge unless they request it. We will assist if they request it. **Warren:** They should have to get permits from your office. **Marinucci:** Yes.

Mayoral-Mayor: I am surprised at the demolition program. It could have been done a lot cheaper if we had our own contractors. Tom did a nice job on the salt price. We will know February 7th if we received the \$1 million grant to rejuvenate Broadway from the bridge to just past Tryon Road. We are third out of five. That project will be done in the summer. The Berger Junkyard is no more. Dunkin will be spectacular with landscaping modeled after Wendy's. We are meeting every two weeks with Premier on the development of the farmland on Macedonia. Ward 4 passed this overwhelmingly with the entrance off Alexander. The project alone with the acquisition of the land, the stop light synchronized with the one across the bridge, and the access road is about \$1.1 million dollars with \$850,000 beautification and screening so nobody on Macedonia will see the three-story buildings with 85% glass nestled by I-271. A walking trail, moving stream and landscaped mound all maintained by the developer. A little over \$2 million will be spent by the developer even before the project starts. It is estimated to be about \$75 million when it is complete. The biggest project in Oakwood has been \$10 million. This is by far the biggest project in the Village, Bedford, Bedford Hts, or Walton Hills. It is an exciting 1.5 years.

Sergeant Cameron Reed Commendation and Chief's Metal of Valor

Police-Garratt gave a commendation to Sergeant Cameron Reed. As you all know, when driving down I-271 in the construction zone, there is always a Police Officer there. On August 11, 2018, we had an Officer working in the construction area. It can be anywhere between Warrensville to Macedonia depending upon where the construction is occurring at the time. Traffic began to back up in the contra-flow lane. It is a single lane with no berms and concrete barriers on each side. It is a first responders' nightmare. If there is an injury or accident there, we have to backtrack sometimes, several miles to reach that injured party. That goes for both Fire and Police. Typically, it takes a long time to get to an injured person in that contra-lane. It is difficult during this construction period. August 11, 2018 Janet Taylor from California, 52 years old, was driving southbound in the contra-lane. She went into cardiac arrest. This would have been another tragedy we would have to report to you, however, this was her lucky day. An Oakwood Officer was working traffic control nearby. A passing motorist got our Officer's attention. Our Officer ran over and was able to remove Ms. Taylor from the car. He noticed she was unconscious and wasn't breathing. He immediately started CPR. Janet's lucky day continued, unbelievably a Hudson squad, on its way back from transport on the other side of the barriers, saw the activity. If anyone has ever done CPR, it is exhausting. To our Officer, I am sure it felt like forever. Kokosing is the construction company doing the road work. Their workers saw the situation and began moving the barriers with heavy equipment to get the squad in position to assist. Finally, they got to her, relieving our Officer from CPR. The Hudson EMS were Eric Pohl and Diana McMurtrey who took over CPR. Since then, I received several calls and emails from the Hudson Fire Chief, hospital personnel and Janet's family all agreeing that emphatically without the Oakwood Officer's quick actions, Janet Taylor would not have survived. That Officer was Sergeant Cameron Reed. *A standing ovation followed.* **Garratt** presented a Chief's Medal of Valor, a ribbon and bar for his uniform. **Council** presented Sergeant Reed a resolution. **Warren** stated: Everything anyone does here is a representation of our character and foundation which you demonstrated. He read: "A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO SERGEANT REED

WHEREAS, Cameron Reed was hired as a part-time Patrol Officer for the Village of Oakwood in 2012. Due to his exceptional skills and knowledge, Officer Reed was awarded a full-time position in 2013, and in 2017 he was promoted to Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, his continuous training and skills were demonstrated on August 11, 2018, when Janet Taylor, 52, of California, was driving southbound on I-271 in the single-flow lane while in a construction zone, when she went into full cardiac arrest; and

WHEREAS, while performing his duty in the construction zone, Sergeant Reed was alerted by another driver of a driver in crises. With little thought for his own safety, he jumped into action, pulled Ms. Taylor from her vehicle and immediately administered CPR, saving her life; and

WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, Hudson EMS personnel were returning from an emergency call and saw the need to stop to give assistance. With the help of Kokosing Construction workers, who moved construction barriers, the emergency personnel were able to move their equipment close enough to assist Sgt. Reed and attend to Ms. Taylor; and

WHEREAS, the quick actions of Sergeant Reed, put into action the saving of Ms. Janet Taylor's life, in addition to the quick response of motorists, the Hudson EMS and Kokosing Construction workers; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Oakwood is grateful to have officers on its force, as Sergeant Reed, who serves as an example to the bravery of our hard-working Officers. He also gives honor to not only the Village of Oakwood Police Department, but to departments everywhere who unselfishly serve their communities every day; and

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT by the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Village Council and Mayor wish to express their most sincere gratitude to Sergeant Reed for his professionalism, courage and quick action in saving the life of Ms. Janet Taylor and in doing so, present this commendation today, January 22, 2019.

SECTION 2. The Clerk is hereby authorized to present a copy of this resolution to Sgt. Cameron Reed.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approved by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law." **Garratt:** Stemming from this occurrence, Niki has applied for a grant for AED's in each of the Police cars. They run \$2,300. **Niki Chuppa:** These will also correspond with what the Fire Department has. Once the leads are put into position, the Fire Dept. can automatically connect to the leads and send the information to the hospital. **Warren** asked if training is provided. **Chuppa:** Yes, there should be training. **Schade:** We can work with the Police on that. The AED's will be compatible with what the Fire Dept. has. **Warren:** They can start monitoring earlier. **Schade:** Yes. It is uploaded through the computer system to the hospital. **Garratt:** That is a big deal. Who can argue the need? **Akins:** When the Officers attend the training, will they become certified? **Garratt:** They will be operationally certified.

Open Floor Comment, hearing none, floor was closed

Legislation

2019-05 A resolution of condolences to the family of Jewell Lee Painter

Motion to suspend made by Hardin seconded by Akins

YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Akins, Rogers, Williams

Motion to adopt made by Hardin seconded by Rogers

YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Akins, Rogers, Williams

2019-06 An ordinance authoring the acquisition of two Ford SUV Police vehicles and a truck for use in the Police Department from the State of Ohio, Department of Administrative Services State purchasing and declaring an emergency

Hardin asked why we are doing two vehicles, we always do one. **Garratt:** We always do two each year and rotate them out. We are on our last Chrysler. The SUV's work out much better. Unfortunately, this is the last year they are making the Ford SUV. It is frustrating for us, because we purchase the prisoner dividers and when they come out with a new body style, we are stuck with them. We should not have been able to get these

vehicles, but we reserved them last July. If we didn't, we would have had to switch over this year. **Hardin** asked about the truck. **Garratt:** We don't plan on replacing that for a long time. We need to have one for the trailer we take to the range. We need something to pull the trailer. We have the Expedition, but it has 113,000 miles. I don't trust it to pull. Also, all our evidence has to be taken to Timken in Canton. Evidence must be in 55-gallon barrels. We have six right now, but just don't have any way to transport them. Having a truck here in the garage, should last at least 10 years. **Hardin:** What are you getting rid of? **Garratt:** We have two old auxiliary cars. Two of them died; one is a Crown Vic which we have been using on the road jobs. Once Kokosing is done with the highway, we will be getting rid of 4-5 vehicles with Tom auctioning them off. **Haba:** We had a 1989 truck of which we got used in 1993. We bought it for \$2,100 and sold it for \$1,600 last week. **Warren** asked about the equipment since it can't be transferred from one type of vehicle to another. **Garratt:** We take it all off. We will sell the equipment to another department. I have two Police Departments asking for our old vehicles; Garfield and Maple. **Warren** asked how we repaint the cars. **Garratt:** Those are all wraps. There is a company in Oakwood which heats up the wrap and pulls it off.

Motion to suspend made by Hardin seconded by Callender

YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Akins, Rogers, Williams

Motion to adopt made by Hardin seconded by Rogers

YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Akins, Rogers, Williams

2019-07 An emergency ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with A & S Animal Control, for the provision of animal control services within the Village of Oakwood

Hardin: I didn't have time to compare this with the old ordinance. Can the Police Chief tell us the increase? **Garratt:** It is \$50 a month. He hasn't increased it since 2012. It will go up March 1st at \$50 a month for a two-year contract. He traps for the residents at no charge. He has been phenomenal on several issues and hasn't charged us above the retainer. That is the only change. **Rogers:** The original one has \$700 for regular service but limiting it. **Garratt:** For regular calls, there is no limit. I deal with him weekly. We had problems with fox, racoons and a bear, but he hasn't charged us for those. He mentioned a 2015-2016 agreement. **Council** expressed they do not have that agreement. **Garratt:** It was \$650 a month with calls in excess of 35 being \$30. **Williams:** He reduced the number of calls. **Garratt:** When we call, he will charge us, but not for residents. We have 25 calls free. **Williams** asked if we have gone over 25. **Garratt:** We have never gone over. **Williams:** We have 2012-2014 contract, but we don't have 2015-2016; what do you have for nuisance trapping, setting and baiting traps and disposal? It is empty on that column for the new contract. **Garratt:** I have setting traps listed at no cost. Disposal \$10 per animal. **Rogers:** I am reading \$10 per animal for disposal. **Garratt:** That is a \$10 increase. **Rogers** asked about nuisance trapping. How is that different from setting traps? **Garratt:** It was broken down in the 2016 agreement at no cost for setting traps, no cost for checking and baiting traps, \$10 removal and disposal per animal. **Williams:** That is what we have for the 2012-14 agreement, but it looks different in the new one. Are we to assume the \$20 for each? **Garratt:** Dogs \$20, cats \$15, vicious dogs \$35. **Warren:** On the contract, dogs' cost \$25, cats \$15, vicious dogs \$35 from March 1, 2019 to February 1, 2021. **Garratt:** That is a \$5 increase for dogs. He told me the County raised the price for disposal. That was last year, but we didn't have a working contract in 2017-2018. **Warren:** Should we assume setting a trap is now \$20? **Garratt:** Correct. It looks like \$5 more for impounding dogs per day and cats are the same. That is why he said there was a slight increase in pricing. **Hardin** asked how we were paying him with no contract. **Warren:** We pay according to the old contract. **Garratt** agreed. **Hardin:** The name changed. **Garratt:** It is Pepperidge Kennels, but when they transferred from Miller to when Steve Suder took over, it became A & S. We looked into Sandy Marino, but she is based out of Streetsboro and the response time was horrible, plus she wasn't going to do the free trapping for residents.

Motion to suspend made by Rogers seconded by Callender

YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Akins, Rogers, Williams

Motion to adopt made by Gaither seconded by Rogers

YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Akins, Rogers, Williams

2019-08 A resolution adopting the Solid Waste Plan for the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District and declaring an emergency

Motion to suspend made by Hardin seconded by Rogers

YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Akins, Rogers, Williams

Motion to adopt made by Rogers seconded by Akins

YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Akins, Rogers, Williams

2019-09 An emergency ordinance making findings and determinations as permitted in section 3735.65 to 3735.70 of the Ohio Revised Code expanding and describing the boundaries of the Oakwood Community Reinvestment Area No. 1; and amending ordinances 2001-22, 1996-61, and 1991-72

Hardin stated she spoke with Mr. Climer on the federal study as part of the process. She asked him to repeat those details to Council. **Climer:** The Mayor mentioned the old rules governing CRA. We are under new rules, which began a number of years ago. In the Village, our CRA properties look like two fingers running through the Village. Unfortunately, that area doesn't include Premier. The ability to use CRA is crucial to that project. Under the new rules, we need to conduct a housing study, which is attached to the ordinance. A development person surveyed the Village and came back with data on the age of homes, their condition, income levels and a host of other factors, which was under the housing study. It provides a basis for extending the reinvestment area from the finger to include the entire Village. We won't face this problem again. Once passed, it is published twice in a newspaper of general circulation once a week for two consecutive weeks. At that time, we will have all the information we need to submit our application. **Warren:** The original CRA started with the development in major cities to give a tax break for more development. **Climer:** It is to compliment and rehab the houses. **Mayor:** This allows us to go 15 years. It is important, this gets passed. It will then work through the State. By the end of February, we can sell the property back to Premier. **Hardin** asked about 22965 Forbes Road. **Mayor:** The owners called me and said they are willing to sell their home. In the summer, we will have legislation to rezone that property as well. **Rogers** asked the location of the property. **Mayor:** It is a single house on Forbes Road at Fair Oaks. **Rogers:** Why do you want to make the whole community a CRA? **Warren:** When you designate specific properties, you have to go through the entire process again. It doesn't affect the zoning or value of properties. We never anticipated the development of residential to commercial. By this happening, we don't have to go through this process again to create the incentives for development. We will never have to do this again. **Mayor:** The demolition debris dump is zoned single-family residential. I don't know how that happened, but that will be rezoned in the spring. **Warren:** The CRA allows the Village to offer a tax incentive. **Climer:** It is difficult to predict what is or isn't part of the CRA. **Rogers:** This doesn't affect homeowners wanting to do improvements. **Climer:** No.

Motion to suspend made by Hardin seconded by Callender

YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Akins, Rogers, Williams

Motion to adopt made by Hardin seconded by Williams

YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Akins, Rogers, Williams

2019-10 An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a refuse collection and recycle processing services agreement with Waste Management of Ohio, Inc. and declaring an emergency

Williams expressed she has several questions. I would like to see the old and new contracts highlighted to show the changes. **Warren** suggested making this the first reading so questions can be addressed.

First reading

2019-11 A resolution of commendation to Sergeant Reed

Motion to suspend made by Williams seconded by Rogers

YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Akins, Rogers, Williams

Motion to adopt made by Hardin seconded by Akins

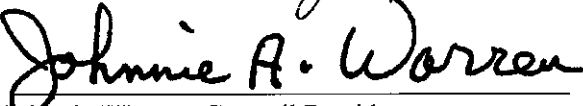
YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Akins, Rogers, Williams

Motion to adjourn made by Rogers seconded by Gaither

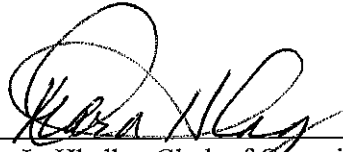
YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Akins, Rogers, Williams

Adjourned at 8:00pm

Adopted February 12 2019



Johnnie Warren, Council President



Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council

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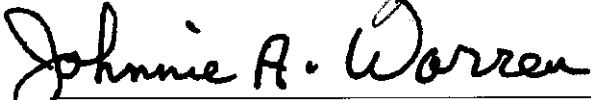
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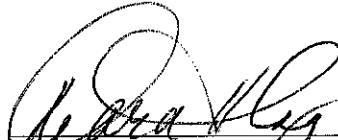
Opened by Warren at 8:35pm

Approved:

February 12, 2019



Johnnie Warren, President



Debra Hladky, Clerk of Council